

Washington State Building Code Council • Code Change Cycle 2006

2006 International Residential Code Review Worksheet

Existing Amendments

2003 Code Section	2006 Code Section	Title or Subject	Comments	TAG Recommendation	Committee Action
R101.2	Same	Scope	TAG recommends defining licensed homes under “dwelling units”.	Delete	
<p>The provisions of the <i>International Residential Code for One-and Two-Family Dwellings</i> shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures, including adult family homes, foster family care homes and family day care homes licensed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.</p>					
R102.7.2		Moved Buildings	State amendment consistent with state law.	Retain	
R202	Same	Definitions	Definitions of adult family homes, child day care, child day care home and unusually tight construction consistent with state regulations.	Retain	
R202	Same	Definitions	Amends the definition of dwelling unit to include licensed care uses and certain homes businesses. These occupancies would be treated as dwelling units except where specific provisions apply.	Modify	
<p>DWELLING UNIT. A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. <u>Dwelling units may also include the following uses:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Adult family homes, foster family care homes and family day care homes licensed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.</u> <u>Offices, mercantile, food preparation for off-site consumption, personal care salons or similar uses which are conducted primarily by the occupants of the dwelling unit and are secondary to the use of the unit for dwelling purposes, and which do not exceed 500 square feet (46.4m²).</u> 					

R303.8.1	NA	Primary Heating Source	Restricts use of woodstoves as a primary heat source in compliance with the Clean Air Act.	Retain	
R311.1	Same	Means of Egress	State amendment exempts limited areas in dwellings from stairway requirements.	Retain	
R311.6.3.3	Same	Handrails	Requires handrail extensions on ramps.	Retain	
R313	NA	Family child day care homes	Requires smoke alarms in the home including “napping areas”. TAG recommends covering this requirement in provisions for dwelling units.	Delete	
<p>R313.3 Family child day care homes. In family child day care homes operable smoke alarms shall be located in all sleeping and napping areas. When the family child day care home has more than one story, and in family child day care homes with basements, an operable smoke alarm shall be installed on each story and in the basement. In family child day care homes where a story or basement is split into two or more levels, the smoke alarm shall be installed in the upper level, except that when the lower level contains a sleeping or napping area, an operable smoke alarm shall be located on each level. When sleeping rooms are on an upper level, the smoke alarm shall be placed at the ceiling of the upper level in close proximity to the stairway. In family child day care homes where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway serving the bedrooms exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches or more, smoke alarms shall be installed in the hallway and the adjacent room. Smoke alarms shall sound an alarm audible in all areas of the building.</p>					
R313.1	R313.2	Smoke detection Location	Relocates requirement for smoke alarms in “napping areas”.	Modify	
<p>R313.2 Location. Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In each sleeping room. 2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. 3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level. 4. <u>In napping areas in family child day care homes.</u> 					
R324	New section R324	Adult Family Homes	Provisions specific to state licensed adult family homes. 2006 IRC contains a new section 324 on flood resistant construction, section for adult family homes should be renumbered. (R325)	Retain	
R325	New section	Family child daycare	Provisions specific to state licensed family child day care homes. New section should be created. (R326)	Retain	

R1004.1.1	NA	Emission standards for factory-built fireplaces	State amendment creates separate section, reference standard is state written. National association developing a standard based on Washington state amendment, available in 2007	Retain	
M1201	Same	Mechanical Scope	Provides for NFPA standards as specified in RCW 19.27.031.	Modify	
<p>Scope. The provisions of Chapters 12 through 24 shall regulate the design, installation, maintenance, alteration and inspection of mechanical systems that are permanently installed and utilized to provide control of environmental conditions within buildings. These chapters shall also regulate those mechanical systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed in this code.</p> <p>Exception: The standards for liquefied petroleum gas installations shall be the 2004 Edition of NFPA 58 (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code) and the 2006 Edition of ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 (National Fuel Gas Code).</p>					
M2001, 2002, 2003	Same	Boilers, Operating and Safety Controls, Expansion Tanks	These sections are regulated by WAC 296-104, not adopted in the state building code.	Retain	
G2401.1 (101.2)	Deleted	Fuel Gas Application	The exception in the section has been deleted in the 2006 IRC. State amendment cites NFPA standards for Liquefied Petroleum (propane) as specified in RCW 19.27.031; more appropriately located under scope in M1201.	Delete	